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REMARKS

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1. On 18 December 1953, the Damm Fliegerhorst installation near Jueterbog was heavily occupied. All garret windows were lighted after nightfall. One-story temporary quartering buildings, about 70 meters long, were under construction in the installation. Sections of these buildings were daily hauled to the installation. About 400 to 500 troops, mostly recruits, were daily observed at basic training, throwing of hand grenades, close-combat practice, range estimation and entrenching work, as well as service of the piece drill on 4 to 6 x 76-mm field guns and exercises on 3 direction finders. An undetermined number of recruits received training in driving with 3 to 4 trucks and T-34/85 tanks.

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2. On 4 December, the Turm Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 200 troops engaged in the construction of field fortifications and training in firing.

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3. On 4 December, the Damm Fliegerhorst was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 500 to 600 air force personnel. Army units engaged in intensive training activity in the adjoining training area. About 300 recruits received individual training and subsequently engaged in aiming practice. About 70 troops constructed field fortifications and obstacles.

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4. On 4 December, a column of about 20 trucks, carrying sections of temporary buildings, were seen at the southern town exit of Jueterbog, proceeding toward the center of the town.

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6. On 11 December, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik, Luckenwalde, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Fifty troops practiced marksmanship with carbines. No other training was observed. At about 4:15 p.m. on 9 December, about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 3 officers left

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Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik for the woods south of the installation. [REDACTED]

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7. On 11 December, Stalag I was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Nine one-story temporary buildings along the street and 2 buildings in the west corner of the installation were lighted at dusk. No training other than physical training was observed. On 30 November, 50 to 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced firing with carbines in the gravel pit. [REDACTED]

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8. On 11 December, Stalag II was occupied by a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops observed in the barracks area engaged in physical training and about 40 troops practiced throwing of hand grenades at the athletic field east of the camp. On 5 December, about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the camp, probably coming from an exercise. [REDACTED]

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On 26 and 27 November, 2 rocket launchers continually practiced firing with live ammunition in the wooded area south of the installation.

9. On 4 December, the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied as previously by about 300 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Unusually many officers were observed. On 4 December, about 80 unarmed troops entered the installation from the direction of the town. [REDACTED]

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10. On 4 December, Stalag I was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. About 120 troops engaged in cleaning of motor vehicles and drill. On 25 November, about 30 troops received instruction on rocket launchers [REDACTED] in the immediate vicinity of the installation. [REDACTED]

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11. On 4 December, Stalag II was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. [REDACTED]

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12. Between 26 and 27 November, reports of artillery pieces, AT guns and rocket launchers were heard from the Forst Zinna training area. [REDACTED] Units who had taken position in Jagen (forest section) Nos 16, 40, 43 and 44 in the east portion of the training area fired toward Mehlsdorf. The practice involved 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 4 x 76-mm artillery pieces, 1 field gun and 2 rocket launchers; and about 400 troops. [REDACTED]

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13. On 4 December, the Adolf Hitler Camp near Forst Zinna was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. Large temporary buildings, about 10 x 20 meters, had been erected behind the 2 large tents in the northwest portion of the camp during the last days of November. On 26 November, 2 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun, entered the installation. On 25 and 27 November and 3 December, troops observed engaged in drill and in firing with machine guns at the firing range. [REDACTED]

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14. On 28 November, a column of about 50 trucks, with closed superstructures and [redacted], left the town toward Justerbog via Thaelmann Strasse.

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15. At about 2:30 p.m. on 29 November, 11 T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen on the Luckenwalde-Waltersdorf-Kummersdorf road. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The Turn Kaserne (32C2), Justerbog II, is currently occupied by the 49th Gds Mecz Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div. However, no confirmation has been received for some time.

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3. [redacted] Comment. This information, [redacted] does not indicate any change in the occupation of Luckenwalde. See [redacted].

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4. [redacted] Comment. Similar firing practices have continually been reported from this section of the training area by same source. [redacted] the practice apparently involved elements of the 1st Mecz Div. No confirmation by reports on shipments of the 1st Mecz Div is available, however.

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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Adolf Hitler Camp (3207) can be carried occupied as previously by the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army and units of the 62d AAA Div (US) stationed there for AAA protection.

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6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a company of the 10th Gds Tank Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div from Justerbog II (3202).

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